TOWN OF CATHLAMET ORDINANCE NO. 585-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CATHLAMET, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY, AND ADDING CHAPTER 12.35 –TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT TO TITLE 12 OF THE TOWN OF CATHLAMET MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, the Town of Cathlamet seeks to define its Complete Streets policy; and

WHEREAS, the Town policy as stated in the Comprehensive Plan is to encourage walking and bicycling as safe, convenient and widely available modes of transportation for all people; and

WHEREAS, Cathlamet's Complete Streets' guiding principal is to design, operate and maintain Cathlamet's streets to promote safe and convenient access and travel for all users including pedestrians, bicyclists, and people of all abilities, as well as motor vehicle drivers; and

WHEREAS, other jurisdictions and agencies nationwide have adopted Complete Streets legislation, including the U.S. Department of Transportation, numerous state transportation agencies, and the cities of Seattle, Portland and San Francisco, among others; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department will implement Complete Streets policy by designing, operating and maintaining the transportation network to improve travel conditions for bicyclists and pedestrians in a manner consistent with, and supportive of, the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, transportation improvements will include an array of facilities and amenities that are recognized as contributing to Complete Streets, including: street and sidewalk lighting; pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements; access improvements, including compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act; street trees and landscaping; drainage; and street amenities; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department will implement policies and procedures with the construction, reconstruction or other changes of transportation facilities on arterial streets to support the creation of Complete Streets including capital improvements and major maintenance, recognizing that all streets are different and in each case user needs must be balanced;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CATHLAMET AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. *New Chapter.* Title 12 of the Town of Cathlamet Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding a new Chapter entitled "Complete Streets" to read as follows:

Chapter 12.35 – COMPLETE STREETS

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12.35.010 Public Works will plan for, design and construct all new town transportation improvement projects to provide appropriate accommodation for pedestrians, bicyclists and persons of all abilities, while promoting safe operation for all users, as provided below.

12.35.020 Public Works will incorporate Complete Streets principles into the department's Transportation Strategic Plan, Shoreline Master Plan, Parks and Recreation Plan and other Public Works plans, manuals, rules, regulations and programs, as appropriate.

12.35.030 Except in unusual or extraordinary circumstances, Complete Streets principles will not apply:

- (1) To street repair made due to utility activities or pothole repairs;
- (2) To ordinary maintenance activities designed to keep assets in serviceable condition (e.g. mowing, cleaning, sweeping, spot repair and surface treatments such as chip seal and overlay);
- (3) Where the Mayor or Public Works liaison issues a documented determination concluding that application of Complete Street principles is not necessary:
- (a) where non-motorized use is not practical, is contrary to public safety, or is prohibited;
- (b) the cost of accommodation is excessively disproportionate to the need or probable use; or
- (c) where other available means or factors indicate an absence of current or future need.
- 12.35.040 Complete Streets may be achieved through single projects or incrementally through a series of small improvements or maintenance activities over time. It is the Mayor's and Council's intent that all sources of transportation

funding be drawn upon to implement Complete Streets. The Town believes that maximum financial flexibility is important to implement Complete Streets principles.

SECTION 2. <u>Severability.</u> If any one or more sections, subsections, or sentences of this Ordinance are held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Ordinance and the same shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. *Effective Date.* This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after passage and publication as required by law.

Passed first reading: October 17, 2016

Passed second, third and final reading: November 21, 2016

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